

A THOUSAND DOLLAR COFFIN.

A Queer Suit in Greenwood—
All the Parties Negroes.

Greenwood, Oct. 21.—An exceedingly interesting case in equity is now in progress, both here and in Jacksonville, Fla. In Greenwood the case at present is confined to taking testimony in the case by W. J. Moore, Master by commission. In brief the case is this: A negro woman, a native of this county, has left an estate in Jacksonville, consisting of real estate mostly, valued at about \$7,000, and her heirs in this county are trying to get possession of it. The property is now in the hands of one A. V. Randall, also a negro, who for a number of years acted as a rent collector for the owner. The facts in the case are these: Some time before the war Lizzie Ivey, who was Lizzie Sherrard, moved from this county to Jacksonville. Her mother, Patsy Sherrard, lived for a number of years on a plantation of Congressman D. Wyatt Aiken. Patsy was frequently in the habit of visiting her daughter in Jacksonville, but always had her home in this county. As stated above her daughter accumulated considerable property. She had a rent collector, a negro, A. B. Randall, who was also a sort of confidential agent. Some time last year Lizzie's health gave way and her mind became affected. In June of this year her mother, Patsy Sherrard, went to Jacksonville and brought her back to this county. The woman did not live very long after being brought here. She died on the 15th day of June.

Randall came from Jacksonville to arrange for her burial. Mr. Joel Aiken of this city, whose testimony will be a part of Mr. Moore's report, testifies that Randall came into his undertaking establishment and purchased a casket for Lizzie Ivey, valued at \$1,000. Mr. Aiken also stated that Randall said she was worth about \$10,000. After the burial Randall returned to Jacksonville and tried to get the heirs in this county to have him appointed administrator of the estate. In the meantime the heirs had secured Messrs. Caldwell & Park, of this city, to look after their interests.

Randall made a second trip here in a further effort to have himself appointed administrator. He even had the audacity to ask Mr. Aiken to help him in his scheme. Mr. Aiken told him that he had nothing to do with it, but that Messrs. Caldwell & Park had entire charge of the matter. When Mr. Park, of the above firm, went to Jacksonville to look after the estate he found that this negro Randall had a deed to the whole property conveyed to him by Lizzie Ivey. This deed was drawn up by a negro lawyer and all the witnesses were negroes. All the testimony shows that Lizzie Ivey was crazy several months before the date of the deed. The heirs are making an effort to have the deed set aside.

Messrs. Caldwell & Park and certain attorneys in Jacksonville represent the heirs.

An Untimely Agitation.

Our esteemed contemporary, The Baptist Courier, has a timely word on secular matter in the following:

Some enterprising newspapers and newspaper writers in the State have been setting forth the merits of certain well known and esteemed gentlemen as suitable persons to fill a possible vacancy on the supreme bench in South Carolina. The impression seems to prevail that Chief Justice McIVER on account of impaired health will resign, and taking this for granted certain persons have actually gone into the papers and nominated their friends for this possible vacancy. This is bad, execrable taste. It is not treating with common respect the chief justice, one of the ablest, purist jurists, and one of the finest gentlemen the State has ever had. We do not hold the honorable gentlemen whose names have been mentioned in connection with this high position responsible for this unseemly haste in suggesting, or nominating, the successor of a gentleman who holds the highest position in the judiciary of the State, and who, in the providence of God, is too ill to do his work. The newspapers and the friends of ambitious and honorable gentlemen should have withheld any suggestion of vacancy in this connection. Surely the virtue of delicacy and refined modesty must be sadly lacking in some quarters, that the scramble for the position of chief justice, or associate justice, should begin in these sad circumstances.

We had intended to say something to the same effect, agreeing fully with The Courier in its apprehension of such candidacies at such a time. It is, as our contemporary declares, in "execrable taste" to advance anyone's claims to succession to the chief justiceship while the honored incumbent lies stricken by disease attended by the prayers of the people for his recovery. It is more than in bad taste—it is absolutely indecent thus to speculate upon and seek advantage from the illness of one of our highest and most beloved citizens. The proceeding is so repulsive that we could wish the executive would announce a resolve not to consider, in the event of a vacancy in the office, the claims of any man thus untimely pressed for preference. On several occasions we have protested against the greedy eagerness of candidates to seek endorsement for offices vacated by death before the remains of the deceased officials had been committed to the earth; but this case is even worse and public opinion should not tolerate the spirit which prompts such unseemly rivalry for appointment to our highest judicial office while yet the life of one of the purest and most beloved of South Carolinians stands between the ambition and its satisfaction.

Mr. McIVER's condition may be serious, although we shall not surrender hope of his recovery. There is no apparent need for his resignation. In any case, we would have his illness soothed by the sympathy of the people he has so long and so well served, not aggravated by contentions for his place. This much, at least, is due to Henry McIVER and to ourselves.—The State.

A GREAT BIG CIRCUS.

An Immense Crowd Views the
Parade and Fills the Big Canvas.A Fine Performance—Having Many New
Features.

From the Daily Item, Oct. 23.
The circus brought to town today the largest crowd that has filled the streets of Sumter full to overflowing since Forepaugh and Sells Bros' big show was here last two years ago. Neither of the shows that were here last year drew such a throng and the big crowd today was probably due as much to the reputation of the show as to the more prosperous condition of the country. The crowd began arriving yesterday and continued to pour in last night and this morning. The streets were crowded from an early hour and around the show grounds while the tents were being raised there was a perfect mob.

The show is bigger and better in every department than when it was here before and the tent much larger, the seating capacity being at least a third greater.

The menagerie is particularly fine, the collection of animals being large, and the herd of sixteen elephants, several of them being regular Jumbos in size, attracted general attention.

The parade was as the one feature that everybody saw. It was not different from the usual circus parade, but it was a fine one, nevertheless, and but for the fact that the line of parade was short extending only from the depot up Main street to the Opera House and back to the depot, there was nothing disappointing in it. The horses were particularly handsome and the teams well matched.

The performance under the big tent was witnessed by an immense crowd and everybody was well pleased with the bareback riding, acrobatic feats, trapeze work and wire rope walking. The feature of the show, however, was Diavolo and his hair-raising performance on a bicycle. When he looped the loop everyone in the tent held his breath for it is the most marvelous and dangerous act ever seen.

There will be no night performance as the long run to Charleston tonight necessitates an early start. It was the intention to give the night performance until the show arrived here this morning, but owing to the poor schedule the railroad is giving the show trains it is impossible to show tonight and reach Charleston in time for the performance tomorrow.

The rarest operation known to surgery—the sewing up of a severed ventricle of a human heart—was performed at Bellevue Hospital, New York, Monday night. Prof. George B. Stewart, professor of anatomy and clinical surgery of the Bellevue Medical College, performed the operation. The patient was Annie Kingsley, a woman who had been brought to the hospital stabbed to the heart by her husband during a quarrel on the street. The heart was laid bare and the surgeons saw that the wound was very severe. It would require six stitches. In the intervals between the beats of the heart the needle was inserted six times and the flow of blood was stopped. The wound was skillfully dressed, and the surgeons waited to see the result. It surprised them, for the rally was almost immediate, and the woman recovered strength so rapidly that convalescence is regarded as a mere matter of time.

Music's Power.

Grimes—Yes, I'm fond of music. There's Tinnerman, for instance—Brady—You don't call his horn blowing music?

Grimes—It has been very enjoyable to me. I got Tinnerman to keep at it night and day, and the result was that I bought the house next door for a thousand dollars less than the man who lived in it asked a week or two before.—Boston Transcript.

Two Sinners.

"It is very wrong to tell a falsehood," said his mother to little Jimmie, who had caught him in one.

"Then we're both offal sinners, ain't we, maw?" queried Jimmie.

"Both! What do you mean?"

"Why, you told Missus Smith yesterday that you hoped she'd call again, an' after she wuz gone you said you wished she'd never come again."—Ohio State Journal.

A Money Saver.

"But you are taking considerable risk in letting your young men owe two or three weeks' board."

"Yes, there is some risk," answered the boarding house keeper. "But then, you see, they worry over it so that they lose their appetites, so I save money in the long run."

Earned.

She—He was desperately in love with her. Why, he sent her costly flowers and presents nearly every day for two years.

He—Did he finally win her?

She—No; he earned her.

The Truth Too Much.

"Jedge," said the colored prisoner, "is I expected ter tell de truth?"

"Of course you are."

"Well, then, des go ahead en sentence me fust."—Atlanta Constitution.

Crushed.

"You talk mighty glib about the corruption in this ward," interrupted a sallow faced man in the audience. "What business is it of yours? Have you got any permanent investments in this ward?"

"Yes, I have," thundered the orator. "Fellow citizens, I once lent that man a dollar."

He was not interrupted again.—Chicago Tribune.

A Philosopher.

"Pa, what is a philosopher?"

"A philosopher, Jimmy, is a man who thinks he has got through being a fool."—Motherhood.

Be always beginning. Never think that you can relax or that you have attained the end. If we think ourselves more than beginners, it is a sign that we have hardly yet begun.

THIRTEEN-YEAR OLD BRIDE.

Joe Rhame, Esq., of Bishopville, Elopes
With a Little Girl.

Bishopville, Oct. 21.—On last Saturday night an old man by the name of Northcutt, who is the night guard at the depot, was assailed by three young men and desperately beaten and cut—one finger was cut entirely off and another almost severed. It was a family feud. Northcutt being step-father-in-law to these young men. The railroad authorities will prosecute the case.

Joe Rhame, a young lawyer of this place, ran away with the 13-year old daughter of Levander Elmore who lives in Ionia section, and they were married last night by Notary Public Frank McCutchen.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

City Council held a regular meeting Wednesday night. Mayor Stuckey and Aldermen Boyle, Dick, W. H. Epperson, G. F. Epperson, Hurst and Schwerin were present.

Minutes of Oct. 8th were read and approved.

Mr. I. H. Moses was present to protest against payment of a license tax of fifty dollars per month demanded by the City Clerk from him as a Broker dealing in options or futures. He stated that he is doing a legitimate business as a member of the New York Cotton Exchange, which is of advantage to the merchants and cotton buyers of the city, and not running a "bucket shop" for which the license was intended. Council decided to require payment of the regular Broker license of twenty-five dollars per annum.

Mr. Moses on behalf of the Sumter Cotton Oil Co. contended for exemption from the license tax on dealers in cotton seed on the ground that they buy seed exclusively for manufacturing purposes. Action was deferred to a later stage of the meeting, but the matter was overlooked and will be brought up at the next meeting.

Alderman Dick stated that he had been informed that evidence had been discovered in the case of the City vs. John Mack for gambling which might result in his acquittal and moved as an act of justice that the appeal heard at last Council Meeting be re-opened to get in this evidence. A rehearing was ordered.

Mr. Hurst for Special Committee reported a conference with Dr. Hoffman of the Board of Health in reference to deepening Turkey Creek, in which Dr. Hoffman expressed the opinion that surface drainage of the city is good enough, but that deeper drainage is necessary on account of cesspools and dry wells, from which foul gases escaping through the earth produce sickness.

An order was given for three light carts for scavenger service to take the place of the heavy dump wagons now in use.

Council discussed the returns of property for taxation and Aldermen Schwerin and Hurst were appointed to confer with the Board of Assessors for the purpose of securing returns on a more equitable basis and if possible at fairer values.

Mr. G. F. Epperson reported that the hose wagons at times come out to fires at great speed, when no alarm has been sounded, thus endangering limbs and lives of people in the streets. On his motion the Clerk was directed to call attention of the fire chiefs to this complaint, and to notify them that the wagons must not go through the streets at more than ordinary speed until an alarm is sounded. In case of disobedience to this rule the drivers will be arrested and punished under the ordinance against fast driving.

Petitions for drain pipe in Bee street and for an electric light at corner of Salem avenue and Haynsworth street were referred to the Committee of Public Works.

The Mayor and Clerk were authorized to issue a certificate of indebtedness for three thousand dollars in renewal of one for that amount now past due at the First National Bank.

OFF FOR RED SPRINGS.

S. M. A. Foot Ball Team Played North Carolina Military Academy Saturday.

The football team of the Sumter Military Academy left for Red Springs, N. C., Thursday where they were to play the North Carolina Military Academy on Saturday. Although this will be the first game of the season for the team it is expected that the Game Cocks will give a good account of themselves. The team has been practicing steadily for several weeks and plays a fast and snappy game.

The line up of the team is as follows: Left end, Brogdon; left tackle, Hicks, N. B.; left guard, Pate; center, Dunn; right guard, George; right tackle, Hicks, W.; right end, Steele; quarter back, Moses, E. P.; right half back, Cattino; left half, Durant; full back, Durant, E.

Substitutes: Plowden, Furison.

Stories of the adventures of the Boer generals in England are multiplying. One of them is vouched for by a correspondent of the London Daily News, and would tend a new point to the old phrase, ant Diabolus, ant Nullus. It is to the effect that when Mr. Chamberlain and Gen. De Wet were introduced the colonial secretary addressed the Boer general as "Mr. De Wet." "General," corrected De Wet. Mr. Chamberlain repeated the "Mr." whereupon De Wet remarked sternly: "General, or nothing!" And the colonial secretary had to follow the example of Lord Kitchener and recognize the military status of De Wet before the ubiquitous soldier would shake hands.

The legality of over capitalization will be tested in the suit against the re-organization of the Chicago and Alton railroad, which comes up in Chicago today. It is charged that the re-organization was on the "water plan." The Harriman purchase price was about \$45,000,000, while the stock market value now is approximately \$70,000,000.

When the Florida man wants a barometer he goes out, catches a diamond back rattle snake, skins it, dries the skin and hangs up the barometer. Then he knows just what kind of weather he may expect.

TAXABLE MERCHANDISE.

An Important Matter to Some Business
Men.

Few men commencing business in mid-summer or early fall are aware that the law requires them to report to the Auditor within thirty days thereafter the average amount of capital to be employed from the time of commencing such business to January 1st next following. The law further provides a penalty for failure to make such reports, viz: a fine of one hundred dollars. Our County Auditor received this morning from the Comptroller General the Attorney General's opinion construing Sec. 334, of Code 1902, the case going up from this county.

Those of our merchants who commenced business during the summer just past or this fall would do well to pay Auditor Wilder a visit at once. If you are not liable under the law to be taxed, you will not be, but you are liable to the penalties, under the ruling of Attorney General, if you do not report as required by the Statute.

The opinion of Assistant Attorney General Gunter is as follows:

Columbia, S. C., Oct. 21, 1902.
Hon. J. P. Derham, Comptroller General, Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir: You submit the following for the consideration of this office:

"The County Auditor of Sumter County has asked for a construction of Section 334, Code of 1902. The case presented is as follows:

"A party beginning new business in this county states that he should not be required to pay taxes, inasmuch as he has purchased the goods of a wholesale firm in this State, and on credit."

The suggestion that the merchandise was bought on credit from a firm in this State is without merit. There is no difference between property bought on credit and property bought for cash recognized by the tax laws of this State.

Section 334, Code of 1902, provides that if any person commencing a new business after January 1st shall within thirty days after commencing said business report to the Auditor of the County under oath the average amount of capital intended to be employed from the time of the commencement to the 1st of January next ensuing, and making satisfactory proof to said Auditor that such capital has been regularly listed for taxation in some other county in the State, said Auditor shall give a certificate that the requirements of this Section have been complied with and he is not liable for taxation in his county for the current year.

This provision prevents double taxation, but unless it is strictly complied with the party subjects himself to the forfeiture provided in Section 336, Code of Laws 1902.

Yours truly,
U. X. GUNTER,
Assistant Attorney General.

Jury List For Second Week of Court.

S. M. McCall, W. M. Reid, Robert Shelar, J. K. McLeod, J. H. Robinson, Bradford Scarborough, A. S. Beasley, S. Y. Young, E. E. Carnes, C. McLaurin, M. A. Reames, W. M. DesChamps, W. F. Smith, J. M. Strother, Marion Sanders, W. D. Truluck, G. H. McCutchen, Peter Mellett, Jr., W. A. McElveen, J. F. Baker, S. B. Hatfield, J. M. McCathene, E. E. Aycock, J. M. Spann, J. Edwin Rembert, W. E. Lemmon, J. Ervin Wilson, R. J. Brownfield, W. R. Law, Jess Atkinson, Geo. M. Murray, R. J. Davis, Ellie D. Smith, Jess Scarborough, S. W. Frierson.

Mayor's Court.

The following cases were the only police gleanings from circus day.

W. W. Ward, white, drunk and disorderly conduct. Guilty, \$3.

Anderson Franklin, disturbance of the peace and cursing. Guilty, \$3.

Weston Eli, disorderly conduct and cursing. Guilty, \$3.

STATE FAIR RATES.

The Southern Railway Announces Rates and Special Trains.

Account of the State Fair the Southern Railway has made a special rate of one first class fare for the round trip, plus 50 cents admission into the Fair grounds. Children over 5 years and under 12 years, half fare, plus 25 cents admission to grounds. Tickets to be sold October 26th to 30th inclusive, and for trains scheduled to arrive Columbia prior to noon October 31st. Tickets good to return until November 2nd, 1902.

In addition to the regular passenger trains running on convenient schedules the Southern Railway will operate from Sumter, S. C., special trains on Wednesday, Oct. 29th and Thursday, October 30th; leaving Sumter 7 a. m., arriving Columbia 8.50 a. m., returning, leaving Columbia 8.40 p. m., arriving Sumter 10.20 p. m.

Winter Tourist Rates.

Beginning October 15, the Southern Railway will commence sale of winter tourists tickets to principal resorts in the South under the same conditions existing in previous years.

For detailed information as to rates, resorts etc., apply to any agent of the Southern Railway.

W. H. Tayloe, Assistant General Pass. Agt. Atlanta, Ga.

R. W. Hunt, Division Pass. Agt. Charleston, S. C.

J. C. Beam, District Pass. Agent, Atlanta, Ga.

Change of Voting Place.

We have been requested by one of the managers of the Providence Box to state that the voting place for the coming election will be at Dalzell.

Because the glass of the Frances Willard memorial window in the People's Tabernacle at Denver, Colorado, is wine-colored the Cassell W. C. T. U. has ordered it taken out. The window was the gift of Cassell W. C. T. U. The designer placed around the frame of the temperance reformer a wide border of glass of a deep wine color. The spectacle of the face of Frances Willard Peeping out of wine-colored surroundings was too much for the members of the Cassell Union. At a called meeting a decision was rapidly reached and a new window will be forthcoming at once.

COTTON CROP BY STATES.

Interesting Comparative Statement of
Cotton Production.

Mr. Editor:—Would you allow me a small space in your paper to publish the following statement which would probably be of some benefit and interest to the farmers and those interested:

	1901-1902	1900-1901
Alabama	1,200,000	1,000,000
Arkansas	820,000	762,000
Florida	54,000	45,000
Georgia	1,525,000	1,295,000
Louisiana	880,000	119,000
Mississippi	1,375,000	950,000
North Carolina	550,000	542,000
South Carolina	925,000	911,000
Tennessee	358,000	350,000
Tex. & Ind. Ter.	2,993,000	3,909,000

The above information was issued by Secretary Hester of the New Orleans cotton exchange, Sept. 2, 1902.

J. C. Hugger.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will spend upward of \$20,000,000 on improvements next year. While all the plans have not been matured, sufficient data have been submitted to show that many important operations that have been held up will be taken in hand and completed.

LOOK, LISTEN!

Only a few more of those 26-inch frame Chainless Ramblers left and they are selling at \$60 on installments. They are the only Chainless made that 1 1/4-inch tires can be used on. I have the chain ones at \$35 and they are really worth \$50, come to see them. A large shipment expected every day.

The American Cycle Manufacturing Company are now moving headquarters to Hartford, Conn., and they have sold me a lot of wheels from the New York branch at a discount, so, if you will see me next week I may be able to sell you a few of those \$40 Tribune and Rambler at \$25.

Do not forget that I am the only one in Sumter who keeps a full line of high grade shot guns and rifles and they are offered at very low prices. Come and see them and compare prices.

You had best buy your bicycles now, for the American Cycle Manufacturing Company have gone into the hands of receivers and they say they fully intend advancing prices in the near future. I do not say this because I want to sell you. It is little trouble to see me before buying elsewhere, and after showing I do not require you to buy. Always buy where you can do best.

I have Mr. Boswell with me who is an expert paper hanger, and have any and all grades of wall paper, and would be glad to do your work. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call and see me before trading elsewhere.

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Address all communications to
E. A. LACKEY,
Hamlet, N. C.

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Estate of Mrs. Sarah H. Chandler, Dec'd.

I WILL apply to the Judge of Probate of Sumter County, S. C., on November 8th, 1902, for a final Discharge as Administrator of aforesaid Estate.

R. A. CHANDLER,
Oct 8, 1902—4t Administrator.

Oct 8, 1902—4t

TAX NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the books will be open for payment of taxes in my office in the Court House from Oct. 15th through December 31st, 1902. The regular levy for State, county and constitutional school taxes amounting to eleven and one-half mills, except the additional levies for school purposes, noted below, viz:

School District No. 1—2 mills.
School District No. 2—2 mills.
School District No. 3—2 mills.
School District No. 5—1 mill.
School District No. 12—2 mills.
School District No. 16—2 mills.
School District No. 17—1 mill.
School District No. 18—2 mills.
School District No. 20—4 mills.
School District No. 22—4 mills.
School District No. 23—4 mills.

H. L. SCARBOROUGH,
Treasurer Sumter County.

Oct 8—

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